

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

July 15th, 2018

“Being confident of this very thing, that HE which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of JESUS CHRIST”
(PHILIPPIANS 1:6)



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Fellowship Breakfast

July 21st, Saturday morning at 8 AM

This evening's podcast will be from our PASTOR

HEBREWS 1:1-14 — THREEFOLD SALVATION

Recorded on Wednesday evening, March 15th, 2017

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HE WHO DOES NOT HATE THE FALSE, DOES NOT LOVE THE TRUE

"IF A MAN LOVE ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORDS: AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME UNTO HIM, AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM." (JOHN 14:24)

I have not much patience with a certain class of Christians nowadays who will hear anybody preach so long as they can say, "He is very clever, a fine preacher, a man of genius, a born orator." Is cleverness to make false doctrine palatable? Why, sirs, to me the ability of a man who preaches error is my sorrow rather than my admiration.

I cannot endure false doctrine, however neatly it may be put before me. Would you have me eat poisoned meat because the dish is of the choicest ware? It makes me indignant when I hear another gospel put before the people with enticing words by man who would fair make merchandise of souls; and I marvel at those who have soft words for such deceivers. "That is your bigotry," says one. Call it so if you like; but it is the bigotry of the loving apostle John, who wrote, [in 2 John 1:10-11] *"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."* I would to God we all had more of such [conviction], for the lack of it is depriving our religious life of its backbone and substituting for honest manliness a mass of tremulous jelly of mutual flattery.

He who does not hate the false, does not love the true; and he to whom it is all the same, whether it be God's word or man's, is himself un-renewed at heart. Oh, if some of you were like your fathers, you

would not have tolerated in this age the wagon loads of trash under which the gospel has been of late buried by ministers of your own choosing. The apostle spake by inspiration when he said, [in Galatians 1:8] “...*though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*” According to modern effeminacy he ought to have said, “Let him be kindly spoken with in private, but pray make no stir. No doubt the good brother has his own original modes of thought and we must not question his liberty. Doubtless he believes the same as we do, only there is some little difference as to terms.” This is treason to Christ and treachery to truth and cruelty to souls.

If we love our Lord, we shall keep His words and stand fast in the faith, coming out from among the false teachers. Nor is this inconsistent with charity; for the truest love to those who err is not to fraternize with them in their error, but to be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ in all things.

PASTOR **CHARLES SPURGEON**

“When I cry unto Thee, then shall mine enemies turn back:
this I know; for GOD is for me.”

—PSALM 56:9

UNEARNED FAVOR

“...HE SAITH TO MOSES, I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I WILL HAVE MERCY, AND I
WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I WILL HAVE COMPASSION.”

[READ ROMANS CHAPTER 9]

I recently heard of someone who claimed to believe the grace of God in salvation, yet they were having trouble with the doctrine of election. The problem they are really having is with true grace. You see, grace in the true meaning of the word can only mean one thing—*unearned favor*.

Most people think God looked down through time to see who would believe on Him and elected them accordingly. By that means that person earned salvation by believing, and God had to choose that person because of what they did. But no! God's grace is *unearned favor*! And since no one has earned, or merited God's salvation and favor, then *it* stands to reason that God must choose, or elect, whomever He decides. [AMEN!]

PASTOR **PAUL MAHAN**

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS

“...THIS IS THE HERITAGE OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD, AND THEIR
RIGHTEOUSNESS IS OF ME, SAITH THE LORD.”

(ISAIAH 54:17)

Beloved, put off the old man. How do you do that? Believe Christ. Beloved, put on the new man. How do you do that? Believe Christ. Beloved, put on the new man *“which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness”* (EPHESIANS 4:24).

This is the heritage and true refuge of God’s people; the *righteousness and true holiness* of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said *“...I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith”* (PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9).

How do I know if Christ is my refuge, if Christ is my heritage? How can I know that He has been made to be my righteousness? Reader, have you been made to see by the light of Christ that all the doings of your flesh are but dung? Paul said *“...I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ”* (PHILIPPIANS 3:8). Do you count all the doing of your flesh, nothing more than a pile of filthy ruined rags? God’s word declares *“...we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...”* (ISAIAH 64:6).

Like all God’s people, Paul did not want to be found in his doing, rather, he wanted to be found in the righteous doing and true holiness of Christ. Paul said his hope was to *“...be found in Christ, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law* [Paul did not want to be found in his imperfect keeping of the law], *but* [rather Paul wanted to be found in] *that which is through the faith of Christ,* [through Christ’s perfect keeping of the law] *the righteousness which is of God by faith”* (PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9).

Beloved, believe it—the righteousness of Christ, which is of God, is freely given and made yours by His grace, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”* (EPHESIANS 2:8-9)

And so then sinner, if by God’s unmerited grace, you find yourself believing Christ Jesus the Lord—rejoice and confess Him! He saith *“In righteousness shalt thou be established...”* He saith *“their righteousness is of me”* that *“to the end He may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.”* Amen! (ISAIAH 54:17, 1 THESSALONIANS 3:13)

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